City of Taylorsville Newsletter

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Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our Starry Nights @the Plaza events are now at just over the halfway point for the season, and we are thrilled at how they have been going. We've loved gathering every Friday night at Centennial Plaza to enjoy good food from the food trucks and evenings

packed with free entertainment, including live music, movies on the plaza and other activities.

Coming up there are still two more movie nights: On Aug. 11, "Strange World" will be playing in addition to three musical performers. Hear Morgan Thompson performing original songs and pop covers, Carter Prescott playing his ukulele and singing, and Spanish guitarist Alejandro Rowinsky who has performed in more than 30 cities throughout the United States — from The Venetian Resort in Las Vegas to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Then, our final movie night of the season will be on Sept. 8 with "Minions, The Rise of Gru." On this night, the Children's Entrepreneur Market will also be there in addition to Los Cumbia Kidz performing Spanish songs and Geneva Road playing classic rock. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Other Starry Nights events include our annual Night Out Against Crime on Aug. 4, and on Aug. 18, we will be unveiling new sculptures at our third annual Plaza +ART Art Walk. If you haven't seen the sculptures that have been on display at Centennial Plaza over the past year, be sure to stop by because the new, incoming sculptures will be taking their place through fall 2024. We are so grateful to all the artists who have added tremendously to the beauty of Centennial Plaza.

Our final Starry Nights @the Plaza event is Sept. 15, and you can find the full schedule at taylorsvilleut.gov under Our City and Starry Nights. You can also see the schedule of what's upcoming on Page 5 of this section.

We are grateful that this is now an event that people expect and plan on, and we appreciate all those who are involved behind the scenes, as well as the performers, food trucks and all who attend. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces who are coming every week.

So, whether it's a movie or a band, let's get together this month and next — on Fridays at Centennial Plaza. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. Thank you again; it's been a fabulous season!

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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City Opens New Pickleball Courts, Works to Construct Others



Two new pickleball courts have opened at Vista Park, next to the playground area at 2051 W. 5000 South, and construction of additional courts is nearing completion at the Taylorsville Senior Center at 4743 S. 1570 West.

Construction has also begun on the pickle-ball courts being added to a planned park on the 16-acre space next to the two water tanks at the northwest corner of 6200 S. 3200 West.

"Pickleball is here!" said Mayor Kristie Overson, who joined her City Council colleagues at an informal Ribbon Cutting to mark the opening and try out the new courts at Vista Park. (See additional pictures of the courts on Page 6 of this section).

While the landscaping around them is not quite finished, the courts at Vista Park are com-

plete and beautiful, Mayor Overson said at a recent City Council meeting. "This is a nice addition to our parks," she said, "and I'm really excited for pickleball in our community."

In all, the city is adding 10 pickleball courts to Taylorsville. Crews began working first on the Senior Center and Vista Park courts, and recently broke ground for the courts at what is presently being called the Tank Park. All 10 courts are expected to be complete by the end of September.

The work is possible thanks to a grant from Salt Lake County's Tourism, Recreation, Culture & Convention Board and matching funds from the city. Also enjoy playing on the two existing courts in Taylorsville at Millrace Park, 1150 W. 5400 South.



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	Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
	Animal Control Shelter801-965-5800
	Animal Control After House Dispatch801-840-4000
	Building Inspection801-955-2030
1	Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce)
1	Fire Department801-743-7200
1	Gang Tip Line 385-468-9768
	Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up385-468-6325
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1	Health Department385-468-4100
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	Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District801-968-9081
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,	Taylorsville Senior Center385-468-3370
4	Taylorsville Code Enforcement801-955-2013
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	Taylorsville Library 801-943-4636
	Taylorsville Recreation Center 385-468-1732
	Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day) 801-967-5006
	Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center 801-281-0631
	UDOT Region 2
	Utah Transit Authority (UTA)801-743-3882



AUGUST 11-12

Celebrating the westside with music, performances, an arts market, food trucks, children's activities and more!

www.WildWildWestside.org







EVENTS AUGUST 2023

Every Friday night through Sept. 15

Starry Nights @the Plaza. The food trucks arrive at 5 p.m. and most music starts at 6:30. See www.taylorsvilleut.gov for the full schedule.

Aug. 2 & 16 - 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a livestream of the meeting on the city's website.

Aug. 4 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Night Out Against Crime @ Centennial Plaza, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. Have some fun and learn ways to stay safe!

Aug. 8 – 7 p.m. & Aug. 22 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

Aug. 11 – 6 to 10 p.m. & Aug. 12 – noon to 10 p.m.

Wild Wild Westside Arts Fest @ the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. Celebrate the westside! See accompanying ad on this page.

Aug. 25 – 7 to 9 p.m.

Jukebox Musical Revue auditions @ Taylorsville City Hall. Show is Sept. 15 and 16. See ad on Page 8.

Aug. 29 – 5 to 7 p.m.

Open House @ the Taylorsville Rec Center. Give your input on the future of Valley Regional Park. See ad on Page 6.

Upcoming: Sept. 23 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Fall Festival @ the Heritage Center. See accompanying ad on this page.

Find our monthly calendar of events on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov



COUNCIL CORNER

By Council Member Curt Cochran

It's that time of year again, when children with help from their parents are preparing to go back to school even though it seems like it just ended. As my grandkids are entering school age, it has made me think of ways we all can be safer as the start of a new school year approaches.

For instance, here are some school zone driving safety tips to follow:

- Watch for school zone signals and always obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down before the school zone starts and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading/ unloading children.
- Watch for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles, change lanes, or make U-turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text or use your cell phone while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

Here are also some tips for children and parents of students riding bikes to school:

- Check with the school to make sure your child is allowed to ride their bicycle to school.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet!
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.

We Offer Some Safety Tips for Back-to-School

- Be sure your child knows and uses all of the appropriate hand signals and the rules of the road.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.

And, please consider these guidelines for children walking to school:

- Leave early enough to arrive 10 minutes early.
- Go straight home after school unless you have permission.
- Always use public sidewalks and streets.
- Demonstrate traffic safety awareness and pick the safest route between home and school, and practice walking it with your children.
- Try to walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.
- Teach your children to recognize and obey traffic signals, signs and pavement markings.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic-controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between obstacles like parked cars, shrubbery, signs, etc.
- Always walk and never run across intersections.
- Avoid talking to strangers. Teach your children to get and keep their distance between themselves and anyone who tries to approach or contact them.
- If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob Knudsen, Chair (District 5), Curt Cochran, Vice Chair (District 2), Anna Barbieri, (District 3), Mer<u>edith Harker,</u>

Lastly, here are some school bus safety tips:

• Arrive early at the bus stop, at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.

(District 4) and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

- Stay out of the street and avoid excessive horseplay while waiting for the school bus.
- Make sure the bus completely stops before getting on or off.
- Remain seated and keep head and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Do not shout or distract the driver.
- Do not walk in the driver's "blind spot" this is the area from the front of the bus to about 10 feet in front of the bus.

If we all do these things, we should all enjoy a safe and productive time as school gets underway again. Have a great year!

Taylorsville Student's Duct Tape Tux Wins National Contest



Taylorsville High student Ian Hernandez Rojas took one of the two grand prizes and won a \$10,000 scholarship in a national duct tape contest this past month.

Hernandez made a tuxedo out of duct tape to enter the 2023 Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest. It took him 57 hours and 11 rolls of tape to make the tux, and the time and effort paid off. He received the most votes online and won the contest for best tuxedo. The contest was sponsored by the Duck Tape brand.

Of his effort, Hernandez is quoted by Duck Tape on their website, "All of my family are from El Salvador, and I wanted to make something to tribute that. In ancient times, both Mayans and Aztecs settled near El Salvador. ... I wanted to fuse the culture of the Mayans and the elegance and formality of promwear, without coming off as a costume."

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that Hernandez, who learned to sew during the COVID-19 pandemic, was leaning toward studying fashion merchandising in college. His winning design was chosen from among 200 entries and 10 finalists.





TVPD UTAH

Officer List Retires after 25 Years of Service, Stellar Career

Check this space each month for news about the Taylorsville Police Department (TVPD) and their valuable service to our community.





TVPD congratulates Officer List, who after 25 years of service has retired from Taylorsville Police Department.

Officer List was described by his peers as being "professional and approachable, knowledgeable, and one who is always willing to jump in anywhere he can." Colleagues also commended his "positive and contagious demeanor."

Working for both West Jordan and Taylorsville police departments, Officer List has held various positions throughout his career, including patrol, motorcycle/traffic officer, middle and high school resource officer, child abuse investigator, commercial vehicle inspector, fatal traffic accident investigator, public information officer, citizen's academy instructor and field training officer.

Most recently, he worked as patrol officer with TVPD, in which he responded to any type of police call for service that can be imagined. He also served as one of TVPD's first drone operators.

In honor of his service, Valley Emergency Communication Center provided a final dispatch recording of Officer List calling "off duty" for the last time and recognizing his honorable career. Thank you to the now former Officer List, and 10-42, brother!



FALL YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION

- Cross Country Running
- Junior Jazz Basketball
- NFL FLAG Football
- Outdoor Soccer

Opens 7/1/23

In-person at recreation centers online: slco.to/rec-your-fall





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Officer Smith, who began working with TVPD more than two years ago, is TVPD's latest Employee of the Month. Prior to joining TVPD, he worked for Ogden and Vernal police departments and has more than 16 years of experience.

Officer Smith has worked in the capacity of a patrol sergeant, detective and

patrol officer. His detective experience includes working as an Internet Crimes Against Children task force member with the Utah Attorney General's Office, as well as being a member of the Violent Fugitive and Apprehension team with the United States Marshals Service. Officer Smith is also a certified phlebotomist and is able to conduct blood draws on those suspected of driving while impaired.

He was nominated as Employee of the Month by Chief Cottam, who noted his "outstanding performance within his patrol responsibilities." Chief Cottam said Officer Smith is a "driven officer," who is "consistently proactive in his patrol responsibilities." Specifically, Officer Smith has a knack for finding



and recovering stolen vehicles, which includes tracking known suspects. Taylorsville City has some of the highest traffic volume in the state given our central location. Officer Smith's approach to proactive law enforcement helps TVPD send the message to not travel through Taylorsville if you are involved in criminal activity.

When Officer Smith is not engaged in police work, he enjoys camping, fishing, boating and home improvement projects. We are grateful to have Officer Smith on both the force and Team Taylorsville!

Firefighters Battle Taylorsville House Fire, Save 4 Dogs

Firefighters responded to a structure fire at a two-story home in Taylorsville this past month, safely evacuating the four occupants and rescuing four dogs.

The fire occurred on Tuesday, July 18. Responding were crews from Unified Fire Authority, West Jordan and West Valley City fire departments. The fire started in an attached garage and extended through walls to the attic space.

When crews arrived on scene, heavy smoke and flames were showing from the front of the home. Firefighters were able to quickly get inside to attack the fire and rescue the dogs that were still within the home. There were no injuries, but the occupants were displaced. The cause is under investigation.











Let's Play Pickleball

Did you know that pickleball is America's fastest-growing sport? The number of people playing pickleball grew by 159% over three years to 8.9 million in 2022, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.

And you can now play on new courts in Taylorsville. The city has opened two new courts at Vista Park and eight others will be opening soon. (See story on Page 1 of this section). You can also learn to play pickleball at the Taylorsville Recreation Center. Go online to slco.org/taylorsville-rec or call 385-468-1732 for more information.













PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Help us shape the future of Valley Regional Park

DATE: Tuesday, August 29

TIME: 5 pm-7 pm

PLACE: Taylorsville Rec Center

4948 South 2700 West



Wild Wild Westside Arts Fest: A Celebration of Music, Arts & Culture

Join in the first annual Wild Wild Westside Arts Fest on Aug. 11 and 12 at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center in Taylorsville. The Fest, sponsored by Salt Lake County Arts & Culture and the Utah Arts Alliance, will feature artists and performances representing the culturally rich and diverse westside of Salt Lake County.

This two-day family friendly celebration will immerse you in the spirit of the westside through music, live performances, an arts market, children's activities and food. The Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is a perfect location for the event with its three performance spaces, outdoor plaza and central, westside location.

The event will feature live performances in the Main Stage Theatre and Studio 5400, including music, dance and other cultural acts. Aerial artists will perform in the lobby throughout the Fest and buskers will entertain on the outdoor plaza.

An arts market will feature local artists creating contemporary art works based in traditional cultures. Offerings will include jewelry, paintings and sculpture and fine crafts. Bad Dog Arts will offer fun and engaging art activities for children of all ages, and you can savor the flavors of the westside at a food truck lineup.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate the spirit and diversity of the westside! Come to the Wild Wild West Arts Fest at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center for a memorable weekend of music, arts, culture and community.

Wild Wild Westside Arts Fest is open from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11, and from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12.

The Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is a Salt Lake County Arts & Culture facility. The venue is located at 2525 W. Taylorsville Blvd, on the Taylorsville City Hall campus.

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

Among Taylorsville's Settlers were Thomas and Ann Mackay

One of the books in the library of the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Museum is titled "Descendants of Thomas Mackay — Utah Pioneer, volume 1, Wives and Children."

Thomas Mackay is described as a large man of athletic build and mind. He liked sports, including wrestling, jumping and foot races. He told of having matched his ability in jumping and wrestling with that of Church of Jesus

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS MACKAY— UTAH PIONEER

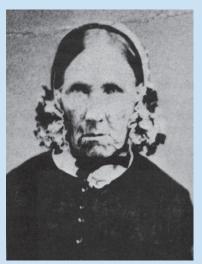
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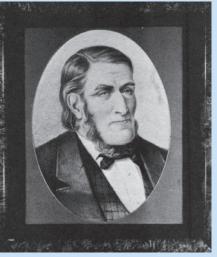
Christ of Latter-day Saints founder Joseph Smith while they lived in Nauvoo.

Smith was known as the strongest man in that part of the country and often engaged in those sports as recreation. Mackay had golden-red hair and a dark auburn beard. His eyes were greenish blue or gray. He had a firm, set

mouth that showed great determination. He was industrious and energetic, and never wasted time. He was not in the best of health in later years. He had a heart ailment, called neuralgia, that confined him to home. He always wore a little shawl or scarf around his shoulders when he was sitting about the house or working around the yard or farm.

He was born in Belfast, Ireland, and died in Taylorsville, Utah. In the next century after his passing, he and his wife, Ann, had a posterity of more than 2,000 living descendants.





The story of Ann Cowley Rodgers Mackay, began at her birth in Kirk Michael, England. She was tender-hearted and thoughtful, as well as charitable and kind to her neighbors. Throughout her life, she helped the sick and attended to her neighbors. Although older than her husband, they were compatible and happy together. He never did anything without her approval. Ann Mackay also died in Taylorsville, Utah, two years before her husband.

In the pages of the book about this couple, the descendants relate some the joys, sorrows, spirit and romances of these rugged Utah pioneers. Who wouldn't be proud to be a descendant of Scotch-Irish carpenter-farmer Thomas Mackay and others who walked more than 1,200 miles across the Great Plains, pushing a handcart?

If you enjoyed this brief article about Thomas and Ann Mackay, feel free to visit the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center and check out further information about them. The center, located at 1488 W. 4800 South, is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Don't Miss These Library Events

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of August. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:

TAYLORSVILLE WALKABOUT CHALLENGE

Tuesday, Aug. 1 to Thursday, Aug. 31

Pick up a walkabout map at the Info Desk. Visit the six Taylorsville locations in August to be entered into a drawing for a Leatherby's Creamery gift card.

WALKING BOOK CLUB

Thursdays in August, 10 a.m.

Walking Book Club is great for readers interested in a weekly walk session and book discussion. The group reads one book over the course of three weeks, discussing the book in segments. The club meets Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Take a 30-minute walk along the paths behind the library and then participate in a 30-minute book discussion. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.

"The Feather Thief" by Kirk Wallace Johnson reading schedule:

Aug. 3: Chapters 1-12

Aug. 10: Chapters 13-end

"To the Bright Edge of the World" by Eowyn Ivey reading schedule:

Aug. 17: Pages 1-106

Aug. 24: Pages 107-205

Aug. 31: Pages 206-302

Sept. 7: Pages 303-end

TEEN END OF SUMMER WATER FIGHT!

Saturday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the end of summer with a water fight outside the library on the grass. Wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel to dry off. Bringing your own water gun is encouraged but the library will have some available.

SENIOR BOOK CLUB at the Taylorsville Senior Center

Monday, Aug. 14, 11 a.m.

Join in a lively discussion on a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. Newcomers are welcome! The book club will be led by a librarian from the Taylorsville Library. This month, read "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne.

VIRTUAL ADULT LECTURE: The Fabric of Civilization

Monday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.

Register at: the countylibrary.org/LectureSeries

Author Virginia Postrel will highlight some of the innovations — in fiber, spinning, weaving, and dyeing—that gave us today's textile abundance and the ways textiles shaped civilization as we know it.

STORYTIMES WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER







AUGUST UPDATES

Glass Recycling

There has been a noticeable increase in contamination in community glass drop-off containers. Cardboard, plastic and paper bags are not accepted in WF-WRD's community glass containers. Please place the glass bottles and jars directly into the container. Misuse of community glass sites may result in the removal of the containers. Cardboard and paper bags are recyclable in blue curbside recycle cans. Plastic bags and garbage must be placed in black curbside garbage cans.

Glass is 100% recyclable! If you recycle one glass bottle, it saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours, power a computer for 30 minutes or a television for 20 minutes. Glass collected from community drop-off containers is taken to Momentum Recycling where it is locally processed. Find out where to drop off your glass bottles and jars by visiting the "Glass Recycling 101" page at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org.





Recycling Myths Busted

There are many misconceptions surrounding recycling legitimacy. A common misconception is that the material in your blue bins doesn't get recycled and is just taken to the landfill. In fact, the materials are taken to the WFWRD Materials Recovery Facilities and around 80% is recycled here. Recycling is indeed happening every day here in the valley and throughout North America. Your plastic recyclables are often turned into awesome new things like carpet, food containers or even agricultural piping.

Another recycling myth is that cardboard doesn't have any monetary value. This is also false. Although cardboard has seen a slight decrease in value, it is still very valuable and is the most common commodity found in the community containers. The district expects to see an increase in value for cardboard as the holiday season approaches. Let's work together to keep our communities clean by reducing, reusing and recycling!

Electronic Waste Recycling

Looking for a place to recycle your old computer, appliances, or even wires or cables? Take it to your local Best Buy. Best Buy will recycle up to three items of e-waste per household per day.

Electronic waste contains a rich source of metals that can be recycled and brought back into the production cycle. By recycling e-waste, there's a reduction of pollution that would be generated while manufacturing a new product and the extraction of virgin materials is limited.

WFWRD is Hiring — Make a Positive Difference

Equipment operators, Class B CDL collection truck driver positions available. CDL Class B minimum required, health insurance, pay for experience, 4-day/week work schedule, safety and efficiency pay, retirement, vacation, paid holidays.



JOIN THE TEAM! SCAN TO APPLY TODAY:

Get Paid for Saving Water

Save water, save money! Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District encourages customers to conserve water. Discover an amazing opportunity for Utah residents to get paid for their water-saving efforts right at home.



UtahWaterSavers.com is the go-to website where you can find a wide range of benefits. By visiting the site and

creating a free account, you can take advantage of smart controller rebates, toilet rebates, rewards from Localscapes University and landscape consultations. Act now, sign up for a Utah Water Savers account and start saving water and money.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org. Follow TBID on Facebook and Twitter.



TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

August Class Highlights

The center has planned a variety of classes this month:

A FARMER'S MARKET: Monday, Aug. 14, and Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m. Please see front desk before 11 a.m. to reserve your ticket.

STEPPING UP YOUR NUTRITION: A two-hour workshop on balanced nutrition. Monday, Aug. 14, at 9:15 a.m.

MIND OVER MATTER: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder: A workshop to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel leakage. Every other Thursday starting Aug. 17 to Sept. 14.

DRUMS ALIVE: Every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Extra class Thursday, Aug. 10.

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS: Friday, Aug. 18.

Visit the center's website at www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center for other activities and lunch menu information. The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive and can be contacted by phone at 801-385-3370.

